

**CITY OF FITCHBURG
CONSERVATION COMMISSION
DRAFT MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, JUNE 24, 2008**

COMMISSIONERS IN ATTENDANCE: Tom Starr, Chairman, Phil Chalifoux, Mike Donnelly, Harry Karis, John Koutonen, Kevin Sanders (associate member)

STAFF IN ATTENDANCE: Mike O'Hara

CALL TO ORDER: Meeting called to order at 6:02 p.m. in the Veteran's Room, First Floor, City Hall.

ENFORCEMENT ORDERS

15 Parson Circle - Westminster St.

Mr. & Mrs. Aldrich in to discuss situation. They presented photos to the Commission of damage from runoff from paved area on abutting property.

Commission reviewed copy of letter Aldriches sent to Abutters. They have not yet received a satisfactory response.

Decided to refer matter to City Solicitor to see if anything could be done.

Forest Hill Cemetery

Phil Jordan & Don Lassila, Cemetery Commissioners present.

Tom: 20 years ago the city started to fill in fringes of the pond, but work was stopped. More has been filled in over the years.

Phil Jordan & Don Lassila explained plans for Phase I – a meditation area for cremains near pond. Phase II is a walking trail through woods westerly toward Electric Ave & Rollstone.

Phil: they have not dredged or filled. Mostly volunteer help w/ some help of DPW they have cleared brush & removed stumps.

Mike D. area had been filled long before. He had sent an email to John Anderson asking for an explanation. Two days later work started again. Two fingers of wetland w/ red maple were filled recently.

Outcome:

Cemetery needs to submit NOI.

Need site plan -- not necessarily prepared by a P.E.

OK to pick up dead brush.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Request for Determination of Applicability - Mercier, 500 Pearl Hill Rd., sewer connection

Mr. Mercier and Anthony Cleaves of Whitman & Bingham present. Anthony presented plan for sewer connection. Mr. Mercier: Property has failed septic system. Proposed sewer connection will go under existing paved driveway.

Commission voted unanimously to approve.

Notices of Intent - Labell Construction, Depot & Fairmount Streets, 4 SFDs & 6 3-unit townhouses

Hannigan Engineering had submitted written request for continuance to July 29th meeting.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Concept plan - Fitchburg Redevelopment Authority - Simonds, Airport Road access road

Dan Curley & Tom Szocik in to go over informal plan for access to industrial zoned area. Road will be approximately where the existing cart road to sand pit is. Will be in Riverfront area, but area is already in use Commission generally supportive of plan. Will need NOI.

M.E.C., First St.

Shelly Hatch, Montachusett Enterprise Center asked Commission to briefly review landscaping plan for plantings in the rain garden, etc. in the First Street single-family project being built by Monty Tech. Commission approved landscaping plan.

Local Wetlands Ordinance

Discussion on latest revisions.

Commission is OK with:

- Excluding riverfront area from local jurisdiction.
- Table of Wetlands Setbacks to go into Regulations (not in Ordinance)
- Commission has sole authority over the adoption of and amendments to the Rules & Regulations adopted under the local Ordinance.

Changes as discussed will be made and sent to Kevin for his review.

Motion made & seconded to adjourn. Vote unanimous.

Meeting adjourned: 8:15 p.m.

Next meeting: June 24, 2008